

I CLAIM:

1. An input device of an electronic data storage and/or transmission
5 apparatus, the input device having a keyboard comprising keys adapted to input numerals from "0" to "9" and some alphabetical characters, and wherein the keyboard is adapted to input remaining alphabetical characters by a combination stroke of more than one keys.

2. An input device according to claim 1, wherein the keys are sized and
10 configured in such a way that the user can stroke two adjacent keys with one finger.

3. An input device according to claim 1, wherein the keys are sized and configured in such a way that the user can stroke three adjacent keys with one finger.

15 4. An input device according to claim 1, wherein the keys are sized and configured in such a way that the user can stroke four adjacent keys with one finger.

5. An input device according to claim 1, wherein the keyboard surface comprises areas on which the user's finger shall be placed when stroking a key or
20 combination of keys, wherein each of these keyboard surface areas corresponds to at least one character to be inputted.

6. An input device according to claim 5, wherein each said area is marked with its corresponding character.

7. An input device according to claim 5, wherein the keyboard has such a
25 layout that a plurality of combination strokes in which one common key is used, inputs a corresponding plurality characters situated in the alphabet one after another.

8. An input device according to claim 5, wherein the keyboard has such a layout and configuration that the arrangement of said keyboard surface areas corresponds topologically to the arrangement of character keys of QWERTY keyboard.

5 9. An input device according to claim 5, wherein the keyboard has such a layout and configuration that the arrangement of said keyboard surface areas is the same as the arrangement of character keys of QWERTY keyboard.

10 10. A mobile telephone having a keyboard comprising keys adapted to input numerals from "0" to "9" and some alphabetical characters, wherein the keyboard is adapted to input remaining alphabetical characters by a combination stroke of more than one keys.

11. A mobile telephone according to claim 10, wherein the keys are sized and configured in such a way that the user can stroke three adjacent keys with one finger.

15 12. A mobile telephone according to claim 10, wherein the keys are sized and configured in such a way that the user can stroke four adjacent keys with one finger.

20 13. A mobile telephone according to claim 10, wherein the keyboard surface comprises areas on which the user's finger shall be placed when stroking a key or combination of keys, wherein each of these keyboard surface areas corresponds to at least one character to be inputted.

14. A mobile telephone according to claim 13, wherein each said area is marked with its corresponding character.

25 15. A mobile telephone according to claim 13, wherein the the keyboard has such a layout that a plurality of combination strokes in which one common key is used, inputs a corresponding plurality characters situated in the alphabet one after another.

16. A mobile telephone according to claim 15, wherein said keyboard surface areas are arranged in the alphabetical order.

17. A mobile telephone according to claim 13, wherein the keyboard has such a layout and configuration that the arrangement of said keyboard surface areas corresponds topologically to the arrangement of character keys of QWERTY keyboard.

18. A mobile telephone according to claim 13, wherein the keyboard has such a layout and configuration that the arrangement of said keyboard surface areas is the same as the arrangement of character keys of QWERTY keyboard.

19. A mobile telephone having a keyboard comprising keys adapted to input numerals from "0" to "9", wherein a key adapted to input a numeral is also adapted to input an alphabetical character, the keyboard is adapted to input remaining alphabetical characters by a combination stroke of more than one keys, the keyboard surface comprises areas on which the user's finger shall be placed when stroking a key or combination of keys, wherein each of these keyboard surface areas corresponds to at least one character to be inputted and the keyboard has such a layout and configuration that the arrangement of said keyboard surface areas corresponds topologically to the arrangement of character keys of QWERTY keyboard.